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NOTES FROM JULY MEETING

29 members attended the regular club meeting on Monday, July 14th.

Several prospective members were present or announced by a member present. They were invited to participate in club events and attend meetings as prospective members until September 1st, in order to have their first payment of dues apply to 2004.

Members were reminded to bring non-perishable food contributions for the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank** to regular meetings. Dave Cummins offered to deliver the current donations of food.

The **50th Anniversary T-shirt** is still available at Cracker Barrel. **If you have no idea what this is about, check your June newsletter for details.**

If you have not purchased one of the **new club nametags**, now is a great time to do that, too. Contact Butch Beverly at home at (434) 973-4279, by email at Bbeverly@albemarle.org, or by U.S. Mail at 952 Frays Mountain Road, Earlysville, VA 22936. Be sure to include the exact spelling of your name as you wish it to appear on the nametag. The fee is \$5.00 per nametag. These new nametags have the magnetic fasteners that won't pick your clothes.

The **display case** for club memorabilia has been set up in the Museum, and members are invited to bring items to show. Contact Sandy Tenney about adding or removing items.

Regarding **Corvettes at Carlisle, August 22-24**, the club has again rented spaces L53 & 54. There will be a 15% commission to the club for the sale of parts, and a flat fee of \$100 for the sale of a Corvette from the space. Ledford Carpenter and Nancy Fisher will transport the canopy to Carlisle, set it up on Friday morning, and leave it there until

they come home on Saturday afternoon. In order to have shade at the club space through Sunday afternoon, someone else will need to agree to take down the canopy on Sunday afternoon and bring it back. If you are willing to transport the canopy home from Carlisle, please contact Rick Hicklin at (540) 949-4924 (wk) or (540) 248-1748 (hm)

Three events were announced which were not scheduled as “club” events, but may be of interest to the members:

A Corvette cruise to Biltmore Estate, in Asheville, NC, November 7, 8 & 9.

At that time of year the house will be decorated for the holiday season. The preliminary agenda for the weekend includes: Friday, lunch at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon cruise along the Blue Ridge Parkway, ending the day with dinner together at a local restaurant / Saturday, Breakfast at Biltmore Estate Inn, a brief driving tour of the estate, return to special parking in front of the main house for tours of house and grounds, and lunch, caravan together to dinner / Sunday, breakfast at Biltmore Estate Inn. The phone # for hotel reservations is 1-828-255-9220. Be sure to mention that you want the Corvette Caravan Rate for November. The rate is supposed to be \$69, instead of the usual rate of \$119. If there are problems, ask for Randy. (As always, remember that you do not have to stay in the “Official” hotel - if you find a hotel you like better, go for it!) This event has recently expanded to three days, but is apparently intended to be a come-whenever-you-can-get-here kind of event. For Biltmore tickets, call 1-800-543-2961 and be sure to say that you are with the Corvette Caravan coming in November, and that you are supposed to get a year-round pass for \$46. Even if you do not plan to return to Biltmore within a year, this is less expensive than adding a second day to the one-day ticket rate. Check out the various types of tours available at the Biltmore House at www.Biltmore.com You can follow the commentary on this event at www.corvetteforum.com under EVENTS / EVENT FORUMS / SOUTHEAST

Bedford Cruise-In Nite, 2nd Saturdays, April – October, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Rt. 460 East of Bedford, beside Wal-Mart, and behind McDonald’s. Sponsored by Frank’s Pizza & Subs, Bedford Volunteer Fire Department, and Bedford Motors. 50/50 raffle.

Rockbridge County Fair, **Classic Car Show**, sponsored by the Antique Automobile Club, Saturday, July 26, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., **Special class for all years of Corvettes**. Held at the Virginia Horse Center. For more information, contact Bill Peel at 540-261-9504.



IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER OR OTHER QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, MAKE SURE AN EVENT IS STILL BEING HELD BEFORE LEAVING HOME. SCHEDULE CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS OF CLUB EVENTS ARE EMAILED TO ALL ON-LINE CLUB MEMBERS AND POSTED ON THE MESSAGE BOARD OF THE CLUB WEBSITE. IF YOU DO

NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, USE YOUR CLUB ROSTER TO FIND A MEMBER WHO DOES, AND CALL BEFORE YOU GO.

2003 EVENT CALENDAR

- July 26 (Sat)** **Chuck Berge Cruise-In, Manassas, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.** (703) 754-1960. Leave from Elkton Fire Station on Rt. 33 at 3:00, or Burger King at Rt. 29 & 33 in Ruckersville at 3:30.
- Classic Car Show, Rockbridge County Fair, Virginia Horse Center, special class for all years of Corvettes, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. No entry fee for show/ no entry fee for fair. For more information, contact Bill Peel at 540-261-9504.
- Aug. 2 (Sat)** **Hull's Drive-In**, meet at Eavers, Mint Spring, at 4:30, rain cancels
- Aug. 9(Sat)** Open date (Bedford Cruise-In, mentioned above, is on this day)
- Aug. 11(Mon)** **Regular club meeting, 7:00 p.m. Eavers' Classic Car Museum, Mint Spring, VA, I-81, Exit 217**
- Aug. 16(Sat)** **Orange County Cruise-In**, caravan from Waynesboro Outlet Mall at 3:30 / 5th Street entrance ramp to I-64 in Charlottesville at 4:30.
- Aug. 22-24 (Fri-Sun) Corvettes at Carlisle**
- Aug. 30 (Sat)** **Cruise-In at Fast Freddy's with Star City Corvettes** – leave from the Afton Mtn. parking lot at 1:00 p.m., or Eavers in Mint Spring at 2:00.
- Aug. 31 (Sun)** **Wright's Cruise-In, Staunton 5:00 – 7:30** (come earlier for good parking spots)
- Sept. 1(Mon)** Labor Day
- Sept. 6 (Sat)** **Wine tasting/exotic car show at Lime Kiln Theatre** (tentative event depending on road conditions– check upcoming newsletter for details)
- Sept. 11 (Thurs)** Four-Star Pizza in Waynesboro, Commemorative event, Corvettes invited to show.
- Sept. 14 (Sun)** **Luray Caverns tour / picnic or restaurant, details next month.**

Sept. 20 (Sat) **Eavers' Cruise-In, 3:00 – 8:00**, Food, music, 50/50, door prizes. No admission fee. Co-sponsored by our club. Members will be needed for cooking & food sales, registration, parking, 50/50 drawing and museum security. Our club will also be responsible for obtaining the door prizes.

Sept. 26-28(Fri-Sun) Corvettes in the Queen City, City Chevrolet & Queen City Corvette Club, Charlotte, NC, Scenic tours of Charlotte, Behind-the-scene tours at Dale Earnhardt, Inc., & Hendrick Motorsports, Banquet with guest speakers Andy Pilgrim & Jim Perkins
Info: (704) 849-2218 / oneowner6901@carolina.rr.com or
www.queencitycorvette.com

For an extensive listing of car shows, cruise-ins, in and around Virginia, check out: www.carclubcouncil.com

CLUB OFFICERS

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Blue Ridge Corvette Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Eavers' Classic Car Museum, I-81 Exit 217, Mint Spring, VA